

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Long Lake Band of Long Lake, South Dakota, has been delighting listeners with their hymns, marches, and patriotic songs for 100 years as they perform each year for the Memorial Day program at the Long Lake American Legion Post 276; and,

Whereas, The first Long Lake Band was formed in 1917 after the Long Lake Parish called a new minister, Reverend Woelber, in 1916, and because Reverend Woelber and his wife were both musicians, they formed a band in 1917, which was 12 years before the town of Long Lake was firmly established; and,

Whereas, The band began playing for church programs, funerals, Memorial Day observances, conventions, and special occasions in nearby towns, and with these performances, the band put Long Lake on the map, so to speak, and became a source of pride for the community; and,

Whereas, Volunteer band members, ranging from middle school, high school, college students, and adults of all ages, are from the Long Lake area who meet for a few practices before performing on Memorial Day; and,

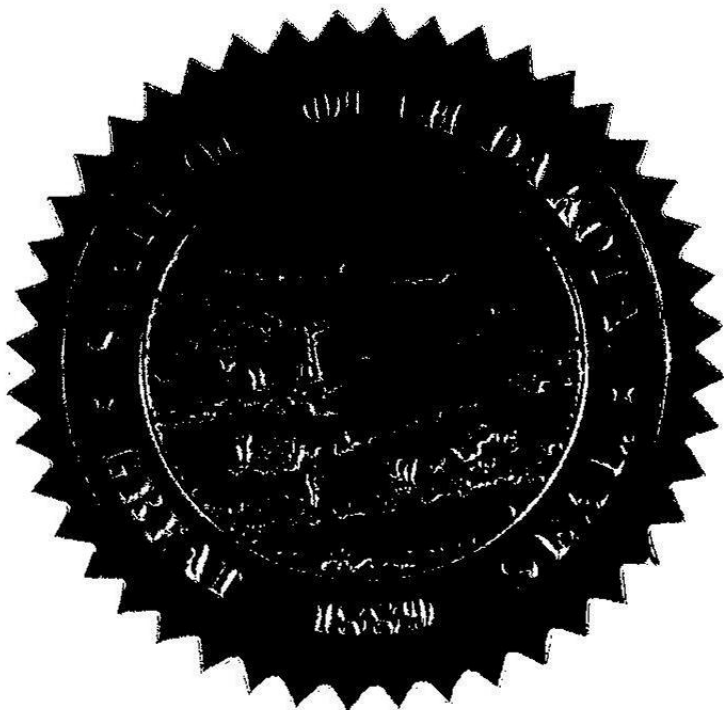
Whereas, Through the years, the Long Lake Band participated in historical performances which include the dedication of the McPherson County Courthouse in Leola, South Dakota, in May 1928, the first train arrival in Long Lake, in 1929, the Bicentennial observance in Eureka, South Dakota, on June 27, 1976, and Long Lake native, Senator Leroy Hoffman's, launch for candidacy for Governor of South Dakota in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1978; and,

Whereas, People travel from miles around to attend the Memorial Day program in Long Lake, and it's always patriotic and meaningful, especially for those who have served in the armed forces or have had family members who currently serve:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2017, as

LONG LAKE BAND DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.


Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:


Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State